

**In the Specification**

Please delete the first full paragraph on page 1 under the heading "Cross Reference to Related Applications" (starting at line 5 and ending on line 8), and insert the following paragraph:

D1 This application is a continuation of application serial no., 09/108,673 filed July 1, 1998, which is a continuation-in-part of application serial no. 08/886,829 filed July 1, 1997 (abandoned).

**In the Claims**

✓ Please cancel claims 9, 11, 14, 16, 47, 65, and 66, without prejudice, and insert amended claims 1, 4, 7, 10, 12, 13, 15, 17, 18, 20, 46, 48, 52, 55, 56, 58 and 64 as presented below:

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D2 1. (Amended) A composition comprising at least one oligonucleotide in an emulsion and at least one penetration enhancer selected from the group consisting of surfactants, fatty acids, bile salts, chelating agents, non-chelating non-surfactant molecules, and combinations thereof.

D3 4. (Amended) The composition claim 1 wherein said oligonucleotide is a ribozyme or a peptide nucleic acid.